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In re Reissue Application)	Former Examiner: Lazarus & Lee
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Prior Serial No. 08/881,964)	
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Title: Safety Apparatus of a)	
Piezoelectric Lighter)	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT WITH REMARKS PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.173(c)

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
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Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.173, this preliminary amendment with remarks is respectfully filed with a U.S. Reissue Patent Application based on U.S. Patent No. 5,971,751 ('751 patent). The applicant brings this reissue application by reason to correct errors without any deceptive intent and by reason to that the patentee claimed less than to which he had a right, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 251.

Add claims 7 and 8 as follows:

Claim 7. A piezoelectric lighter having a fuel tank, a gas ejecting tip communicating with said fuel tank, a piezoelectric unit having an ignition tip connected thereto capable of producing a spark to ignite fuel released from said gas ejecting tip, and a thumb push cap capable of activating said piezoelectric unit when depressed, the improvement comprising:

said piezoelectric unit including a mechanism for providing an upward force for urging said thumb push cap into an upper normal position; and,

a safety apparatus having a pressure absorbing device positioned to engage an underside of said thumb push cap to impede movement of said cap in addition to said upward force provided by said piezoelectric unit.